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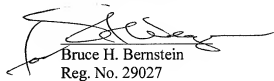
Initially, Applicants express appreciation to the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2009.

Upon entry of the present paper, claims 3-11 will have been cancelled and claims 12-13 will have been added. Applicants have added independent claims 12-13 to recite a playback method and a recording medium, respectively, that recite a similar combination of features as those set forth in indicated allowed independent claim 1. Accordingly, no prohibited new matter has been introduced by the abovementioned amendments. Upon entry of the present paper, claims 1 and 12-13 are pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 12-13 being in independent form.

Applicants respectfully submit that new independent claims 12 and 13 are allowable for at least the reasons that independent claim 1 was indicated to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that each and every pending claim of the present application (i.e., claims 1 and 12-13) meets the requirements for patentability. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a further Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 1 and 12-13 of the present application.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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